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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL

National System for Agricultural Information and Documentation (Supplementary Assistance) (BRA/72/020)

Report of the Administrator*

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| Date of present approval: | June 1978 |
| Starting date of project activities: | January 1974 (Including previous assistance) |
| Planned completion date: | December 1980 |
| To be executed by: | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) |
| Government implementing agency: | Ministry of Agriculture/National Agricultural Library (BINAGRI) |
| Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval: | $410 100 (UNDP financed: $380 100; Government cost sharing: $30 000) |
| Source of UNDP financing: | Indicative Planning Figure (IPF) |

## I. Background

1. Collaboration between the UNDP and the Ministry of Agriculture under this project 1/, began in 1974 with the establishment of a National System for Agricultural Information and Documentation to supply users in the agricultural sector at all levels with the necessary support information required for their various activities. During the early years of the project concrete results were achieved which greatly contributed to the attainment of certain project objectives. However, experience has shown that the time limit originally established (until December 1978) was too short for the full accomplishment of project goals, and supplementary assistance was consequently approved to extend activities through 1980.

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## II. Objectives and activities

2. The immediate objectives of the project remain to assist the Brazilian Government in the establishment of an efficient National System for Agricultural Information and Documentation which will collect, record, store, process, retrieve and disseminate information from national and foreign documentary sources for the use of agriculturalists at all levels.

## III. Inputs

3. UNDP, through the Executing Agency, will provide the services of a project manager highly qualified in documentation and information systems, consultants in library organization, documentation, audiovisual, documentary informatics, communications and information systems, and ad hoc consultants as required. UNDP will also finance training in several fields of information systems and informatics, as well as microfilming/microcopying equipment and accessories and a vehicle.

4. In addition to the cost-sharing contribution, the Government will also provide qualified professional and supporting staff, office space, supplies and equipment directly to the project.

## IV. Financial data

5. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

| | Previously approved $ | Present approval $ | Total approved $ |
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| Personnel | 228 500 | 317 100 | 545 600 |
| Subcontracts | 1 300 | - | 1 300 |
| Training | 11 000 | 26 500 | 37 500 |
| Equipment | 54 200 | 62 600 | 116 800 |
| Miscellaneous | 5 500 | 3 900 | 9 400 |
| Total | 300 500 | 410 100 | 710 600 |
| Financed by: | | | |
| UNDP | 300 500 | 380 100 | 680 600 |
| Government | - | 30 000 | 30 000 |

6. In addition to the total amount financed by the Government as shown above ($30,000), the Government will also pay $2,100 towards related Executing Agency support costs. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of the inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $3,549,400 in kind.

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